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Cloudy, probably rain or snow late tonight or Sunday; lowest temperature near freezing.

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PRESIDENT OF POLAND SLAIN

Missing Man's Note Tells Of Fear Of Violence

SENDER OF MISSIVE KNOWN, CLAIM

Business Man Suspected of Writing Threat to Virginia Electrician.

Running down two theories, one that foul play is concerned, and the other that an attempt is being made to beat bad debts, authorities of Fairfax county today are in the midst of an investigation into the mysterious disappearance of J. R. Fischer, an electrician, from Fairfax, Wednesday night. The first theory is that Fischer was kidnapped Wednesday night and taken out of the State and was not to return, or that he was killed.

In Debt for Missing Car. The second theory is that Fischer connected a kidnapping story in order to explain his disappearance in escaping \$1,500 of bad debts and also possible arrest for bad checks alleged to have been given by him.

Fischer, who is about thirty years old, was last seen in front of the Fairfax tavern at 10:30 Wednesday night. Both he and a Ford roadster, on which car \$350 is still owing, have not been seen nor heard from since. Charles Zoll, proprietor of the tavern, told county authorities that Fischer left with him a note which was to be opened in case he did not show up at any time within twenty-four hours.

The note follows: "Dear Mr. Zoll: In case anything happens to me, notify my father, J. C. Fischer, of Parkersville, Pa. C. Fischer."

"Give the letter to Miss — that is addressed to her, and permit her to open my mail. "Notify Doubleday Hill Company and let them take what supplies I have on hand."

"My books are in order, so it should not be difficult for my father to straighten out my affairs. "I may laugh at this letter some day, but I was notified today to get on guard, as it was certain that there he mentions the name of a prominent business man of Fairfax, who intends to get me out of town dead or alive."

(Signed) J. R. Fischer."

Another note was addressed to a pretty school teacher of Fairfax, close friend of Fischer's. This note was not made public.

This girl told friends today that she thought Fischer was kidnapped. She stated she is confident he did not leave town leaving any bad debts.

Threatened to Tar Him. Sheriff J. R. Allison, who is making the investigation said today that Fischer complained to him one day last October that the night before he had been attacked on a road near Fairfax by several men. These men, he alleges, handcuffed and blindfolded him, taking him to Chain Bridge hill. The men were in an automobile after forcing Fischer to abandon his own car they put him in their machine and drove for about a mile, where they put him in a second machine which carried him to the hill.

On reaching Chain Bridge hill these men, according to Fischer's story to Allison, threatened to tar and feather him. They however, did not do so, and ordered him to go into Washington, warning him that if he ever returned he would be tarred and feathered.

Sheriff Allison made an investigation, but nothing came of it. The sheriff is said to know the names of one or two men in this party.

Another time Fischer had been said to have been summoned to the office of a local Fairfax real estate man and ordered to go out of town. This he refused to do.

Last Wednesday at 4 o'clock, Fischer and the pretty school teacher, whose name is known to the authorities, had dinner at the home of Mrs. Ashby Graham in Fairfax. During the course of conversation at dinner, Fischer told Mrs. Graham that he had received a note warning him to leave town.

"I saw the note in Mr. Fischer's hand," said Mrs. Graham, "and he read it to me. It was on a white

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BRUNEN SLAYER ON THE STAND



Charles Powell, confessed slayer of "Honest John" Brunen; circus owner, on witness stand in trial at Mt. Holly, N. J.

MOHR TO OFFER ALIBI IN TRIAL AS SLAYER

Man Jointly Charged With Brunen's Death to Testify He Was at Post Meeting.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 16.

Harry C. Mohr, charged jointly with Mrs. Doris Brunen by murder, will be the first witness called by the defense when the Brunen trial is resumed here Monday, according to a statement made today by Walter Keown, counsel for the defense.

Mohr's defense will be an alibi. He will attempt to prove that he attended a meeting of the Barry Post, American Legion, at 52 Baltimore avenue, Philadelphia, on the night of the crime and that he made an address there, remaining at the meeting from 7 until 10 p. m.

Attorney Keown declared he intended to ask that the indictment against Mrs. Doris Brunen be dismissed Monday on the ground that the prosecution has failed to connect her with the crime.

If Mrs. Brunen is forced to testi-

Orders Wet Chief To Leave

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 16.

Thomas J. Culhane, secretary of the Delaware county branch of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment here, today received a letter signed "K. K. K.," ordering him to leave the county. The letter reads:

"You and your associates of this so-called organization will be given forty-eight hours to remove yourselves and effects from Delaware county. If you fail to comply with this order you can expect a visitation from the followers of the invisible empire. Such a visit may show you the light."

(Signed) "K. K. K."

Mr. Culhane and his associates promising a "warm reception for any visitors in white nightshirts."

In her own defense she will take the stand immediately after Mohr, Keown said.

Keown intimated that he might attack the credibility of Charles M. Powell, confessed slayer of Brunen, as a witness.

There was no session of court today. This morning the jury will visit the scene of the crime at the Brunen home in Riverside.

LIQUOR SCANDAL OF NAVY ENDED

Denby Says Holding Admiral Wilson Responsible Is Mere Formula.

The "liquor scandal" at Philadelphia on the night of November 26 following the Army-Navy football game became a closed incident today when Secretary of the Navy Denby made public the report of the board of officers which investigated alleged drunkenness among the midshipmen of the Naval Academy.

The board said Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, as head of the academy, was responsible for supervision of the midshipmen, but Secretary Denby declared this was merely a reiteration of a well-known military law.

The report shows that such supervision has been customary in past years was given at the midshipmen's ball, where the drunkenness was said to have occurred, but recommends that in the future officers of the Naval Academy, instead of a committee of students, have personal charge of such affairs.

The board did not go into the question of the alleged misconduct of certain of the midshipmen, but confined itself to fixing responsibility for the breakdown of discipline by his reference to Rear Admiral Wilson's duties as superintendent of the academy.

Secretary Denby stated it was his purpose to prevent a recurrence of such incidents, and that in the future whatever steps are necessary will be taken to see that such incidents do not occur.

"As will be seen from the report," Denby said, "the practice followed by the Naval Academy authorities was similar to that of previous years. The opinion appended to the finding of facts to the effect that Admiral Wilson was responsible is a mere reiteration of a well-known military law that all commanding officers are responsible for their commands when acting in an official or semi-official capacity."

\$100,000 Fire in Club.

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 15.—Fire raced through the beautiful Evanston Country Club early today, causing an estimated loss of \$100,000. Families of millionaires watched the blaze.

By FRED J. WALKER. Correspondent News Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—The Czar Nicholas of Russia was not killed by the Bolsheviks, but escaped and today is living in a Manchurian monastery with the Czarina and their children, Princess Margarita Orlova, American wife of Prince Orloff declared here today.

As Marguerite Barry, interpreter, dancer and dramatic reader, Princess Orlova was well known in New York social and intellectual circles. She married Prince Orloff, head of one of the oldest Russian families and one that ruled that country prior to the ascendancy of Catherine the Great, to the throne. They were married last June in Vera Cruz, Mexico, where he now heads a Russian colony.

In corroboration of her belief, the princess told of a Russian mining

POLLARD CARRIED GUN; THREATENED, IS BELIEF

HOPES FOR PRESIDENT OF POLAND SLAIN

Britain Sees Way to Tarnish Reparations Tangle to Washington.

By DAVID M. CHURCH. International News Service.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—German reparations negotiations may be transferred from Europe to Washington, it was revealed today in an official announcement from the foreign office. Chancellor of the Exchequer Stanley Baldwin, who will head the British debt funding mission to America late this month, will be empowered to discuss indemnity along with debt funding, if President Harding desires it.

Doubtful About Loan. Foreign office officials said that while they welcomed American interest in the reparations issue, they were inclined to regard Washington dispatches regarding a great loan to Germany as "kite flying." They pointed out that the international committee of bankers was unable to agree upon a loan for Germany last June and that the situation now is less favorable than it was then.

Treasury officials said that Chancellor of the Exchequer Stanley Baldwin would have wide powers when he goes to Washington. He and his colleagues will leave just four days after Ambassador Harvey departs to report to the State Department.

Await American Plan. Hitherto America has held there was nothing to discuss about war debts. As all the European allies are now agreed that reparations and debts are twin problems, it would be necessary for America to take up both or none.

Official circles are withholding comment pending definite action by the American State department and President Harding. There is ample evidence that Great Britain would welcome America in the reparations negotiations, either at Paris or Brussels. Any American plan would receive fullest consideration, it was said.

British Pledged to Pay. British officials declared that even "superficial" intervention by America in European affairs would have a salutary effect when the Premier met early in January. They said that Great Britain has already given her solemn pledge to pay her debt of \$4,375,000 to the United States and that no attempt would be made to use American intervention as a vehicle to have the debt cancelled.

British bankers are skeptical of the Washington report that J. P. Morgan has discussed with Secretary of State Hughes the possibility of a \$1,500,000,000 loan by a group of American bankers to Germany, if safeguards are established with the allies through the American government.

The Daily Mail believes that Ambassador Harvey's visit is more than a mere diplomatic gesture.

Grows Rapidly. "It grows very rapidly when it strikes a community, and it requires about a year of experience to convince its best members that the organization has no real place of usefulness in America. It arouses the most intense bitterness in some of the communities where I am acquainted with its activities, friends

of the organization, and those who are not. It is a very real problem when they draw lines of religious prejudice.

They were "Uncle Joe" Cannon, of Illinois, oldest member of the House, and Congressman Charles M. Stedman (Dem.) of North Carolina, who will be eighty-two years old in January.

"We thought the President might be lonesome, so we came down to talk a while," "Uncle Joe" said. "He gave me a cigar—see?" as he puffed one of Mr. Harding's perfectos.

BOARD UPHOLDS DECREE AGAINST OVERTIME PAY CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Overtime pay for maintenance-of-way men on railroads will not be changed, as a result of the decision of the United States Railroad Labor Board in upholding its former stand against time-and-one-half for such work.

A. O. Wharton dissented from the opinion, claiming that during the entire existence of the board only one decision has been made that would better conditions of rail employees.

Finds Divorce Law Simplified in Russia



J. BENTLEY MULFORD, Assistant medical director of American Relief in Russia, who on his return to Washington yesterday described the Soviet divorce law as surpassing that of Rome in simplicity.

FEARED IRE OF JILTED GIRL IS VIEW

Pollard Obtained Permit Carry Weapon Two Months Before Tragedy.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 16.—Working on the theory that Thomas Pollard, local realty operator, was scathingly upbraided by Mrs. Thelma Richardson, his discharged twenty-four-year-old blonde stenographer, prior to the fatal tussle on his doorstep, detectives today announced that he had secured a permit to carry a gun on October 13.

The detectives are now convinced that Pollard was fearful that his "dearest little Hamm" would "do something desperate" on account of the switching of his attention from her to the "other woman," identified as a choir singer in South Richmond.

Believe He Was Warned. In investigating the issuance of the permit, exactly two months before Mrs. Richardson was shot to death, the police find that Pollard gave no reason for desiring to carry a weapon. They also found no record of a permit being issued Mrs. Richardson.

Credence is also given, in this connection, to the theory that the mysterious telephone call of "Dearest Little Hamm" just before she visited Pollard's house warned him of her impending arrival. This would explain why she was not invited to enter the home and why the struggle and shooting took place within a few moments after her arrival.

This string of circumstances, also, detectives pointed out, served to support Pollard's contention that the new and unused gun was his property, while the "death" gun was carried by "Dearest Little Hamm." It is said that the gun may have been purchased at the same time Pollard secured the permit.

What is considered as an important piece of evidence was found by the detectives yesterday in the form of a scrap of paper, evidently written Mrs. Richardson by a girl chum, containing the following admonition:

"Hamm, I swear I wouldn't take him back if he got down on his knees and begged me to. I don't believe any man could make me miserable and get away with it."

It is possible, detectives maintain, that the receipt of this letter resulted in her resolve to "do something desperate."

Was She Left Handed. Still shielding the identity of the South Richmond choir singer and "other woman" in the case, the detectives are daily interviewing her, confident that they are accurately forming the chain of circumstances which led to Mrs. Richardson's tragic death.

A good deal of significance is placed by the police in the question as to whether or not Mrs. Richardson was right or left handed. How-

EXCLUSIVE FEATURES!

Ex-Kaiser's first authorized interview since the World War deals with many things not touched on in his memoirs.

Lloyd George, a regular contributor to the Hearst papers, will answer Poincare on the German reparations question.

IN TOMORROW'S

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